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AND EXPRESSION SYSTEM USING THE SAME**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 5, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.